

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-5 (Cancelled).

6 (Previously presented): A folding multi-tool, said multi-tool comprising:  
first and second generally channel-shaped handles each having first and second ends,  
each generally channel-shaped handle including an open side and an at least partly closed  
side opposite said open side, each of said at least partly closed sides defining a plier-  
receiving opening and including rounded longitudinal edges;

pliers for grasping items and including first and second plier halves pivotally and  
adjustably mounted to each other, with said plier halves being adjustably moveable  
between a compact, first position for grasping small items and an expanded, second  
position for grasping larger items, each of said plier halves including a respective tang,  
and each said tang being pivotally mounted to said first end of a respective one of said  
handles; and

wherein said folding multi-tool is foldable between a closed, compact configuration and  
an opened extended configuration for operating said pliers, and wherein in said opened,  
extended configuration, said at least partly closed sides of said handles face apart from  
each other.

7 (Currently amended). The multi-tool of claim 6, each of said handles including ~~at least one~~ a pliers stop adjacent said open side thereof, at said first end thereof, and each of said tangs engaging said pliers stop of a respective one of said first ends.

8 (Previously presented). The folding multi-tool of claim 7, including first and second plier jaw stops disposed adjacent said plier-receiving openings in said at least partly closed sides of said handles.

9 (Previously presented). The folding multi-tool of claim 8 wherein said first and second plier jaw stops are positioned at least partially within said handles.